PRIDEFEST SNUB

Event is about politics, not just 'pride'

As expected, the organizers of this year's Pridefest are up in arms about Mayor Lionel Rivera's and the City Council's vote for no proclamation. The reaction demonstrates that this event is not about celebrating one's diversity, but about the pursuit of raw political power, with the primary goal of upsetting the historical context of marriage. While they accuse the mayor and City Council of creating a "hostile environment" for those in the gay community, it seems to me that they are the ones now creating hostility. If Fountain or Manitou Springs elect to issue a proclamation for Pridefest, perhaps they should also host it.

As for Mayor Rivera and the City Council, you have my thanks.

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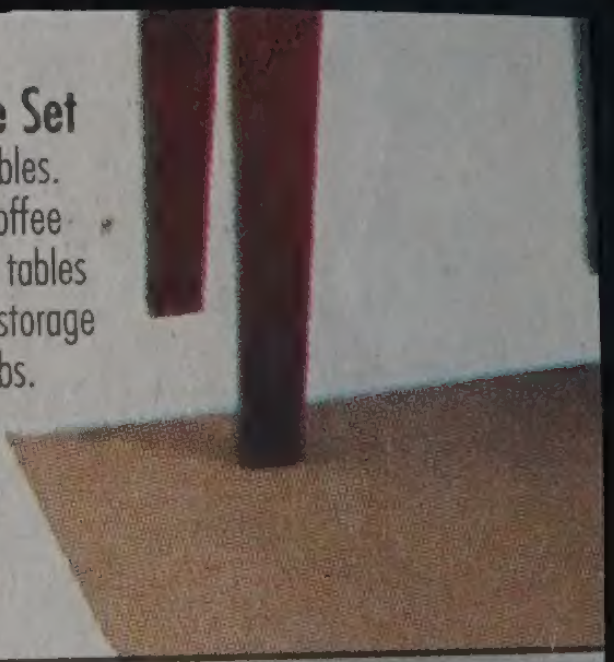

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